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★ Next Meeting:

**Wednesday September 28th,
(New Time!) 6:30-8pm
Woods Library 3455 N. First Ave**

AGENDA

- Neighborhood Association Officer Elections
(President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary)
- Guest Speaker: Katie Gannon. Katie is a Masters Student in Landscape Architecture and will be focusing her Masters Thesis on the Keeling Neighborhood Greenway and giving a short presentation about her previous Greenway work and her plans for working with Keeling
- Committee Updates and Upcoming Events

Last Meeting Update

- 15 people attended the meeting, including guests.
- Along with the sign-in sheet, a **card was sent** around the room for Nicki Neff, our Crime Committee Chair, who had surgery right before the meeting. (She is recovering and doing well.)
 - Guests Barbara and Donald Daily, from the North Tucson Lions Club, gave a brief talk about the history of the Lions Club, their wonderful charity work and the free vision and hearing check they are sponsoring in September. Their chapter meets at the Apple Farm Restaurant in Keeling, and they wanted to reach out to our community. They expressed a desire to help Keeling in some of its other Fun and Fundraising Efforts as well. Thanks!
 - Neighbor Marina Hadjioannou surmised the results of the Health Assessment in our area completed last December. Marina found that top three concerns for residents are Theft, street lights and Domestic Violence. These concurred with Police Records. She also found that many local resources like After School Programs, the Health Center and the Neighborhood Association were used by less than 20% of responders. Her finding will be and have been used to apply for funding for Keeling neighborhood improvements.
 - In and Out Market on 2914 N Stone tried for a second time to get a liquor license and was denied by the City Council.
 - The new Keeling Neighborhood Greenway Plans were announced and discussed. The new Greenway committee will be planning details. Much more info to come in the near future!

Did You Know?

The Coronado Heights subdivision, a square mile of sparsely settled desert land, was established September 15, 1921 by the Constant Investment Company. It was divided into sixty-four smaller tracts separated by streets with names like Luna, Sawtelle, Hermosa, and Indio. Few people moved into the area until after World War II.

Today the eastern half of Coronado Heights is the Keeling Neighborhood. Luna has become Grant Road, Sawtelle is Ft. Lowell, Hermosa is Blackledge, and Indio is Glenn. By the way, the subdivision south of Grant Road was called the Bronx Park Addition.

Keeling in the News

Writing on the Wall:

Neighbors take action as graffiti explodes in the community

The Keeling Neighborhood and its efforts were profiled in the above named article by Dave Devin in the August 25, Tucson Weekly!

Association President and members of the Anti-Graffiti Crew were all interviewed and quoted. The article also mentions how overwhelmed the City Graffiti Abatement Program is and how graffiti is overall a low priority for the Police. A quote from the article reads:

"When we first started five months ago," reports [a] neighborhood resident ... "we'd remove 50 to 80 graffiti tags in 90 minutes." Some of those had been around a long time, ... but now the crew of volunteers only finds about 15 markings during their rounds. "In general... we've seen a decrease in graffiti throughout the whole neighborhood."



This article has already inspired other neighborhoods who have "trained" with the Keeling crew to learn the ropes. The crew has also been attending other Association's meetings to share their success and encourage helpers.

If you would like to read the entire article, type the following hyperlink into your web browser's address bar.

<http://www.tucsonweekly.com/gbase/Currents/Content?oid=oid:71958>

Fall Events



Keeling Fit and Friendly Night Walks



Saturday September 17th, 7:30pm

Saturday, October 15th,
(slightly earlier time)
7:00pm

Saturday, November 17th,
(slightly earlier time)
6:30pm

Meet at Keeling Desert Park
N. side of Glenn, between Stone and
Fontana



Halloween Spooky Park: A safe place for Kids to trick or treat this Halloween

Members of the Fun and Fundraiser
committee are planning some games, trick-or-treat
candy and a "Spooky Loop" at the Keeling Desert
Park this Halloween, Mon. Oct 31st 2005.

We need volunteers to help in planning, to hand out
candy, run a game or be in the "Spooky Loop."
Close neighborhoods are encouraged to participate
too!

Keeling will need many volunteers and helpers to
make the Park a safe place for kids to trick-or-treat
this October. Call 270-3925 if you want to help.



**FREE Vision and Hearing Screening, for
Children and Adults -**
Sponsored by the Lions Club.

SAT September 17, 9am-3pm, Apple Farm
Restaurant on the NW corner of
Grant and 1st in the Fry's Center.

Call 722-4658 for answers to questions regarding this event.

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Keeling FREE - TREE Days

October 21-22, 2005

The KNA is working with the generosity of the
"Plants for the Southwest Nursery" to sponsor a
Free-Tree Day. Jane Evans and Gene Joseph,
residents of Keeling who also own the neighborhood
nursery, have grown 5-gallon mesquite trees just for
Keeling residents.



They are offering One 5-Gal tree FREE for
any household in Keeling that wants one.

If you are unable to plant the tree yourself -
help will be available on Saturday the 22nd!

Trees can be picked up Friday Oct 21 or Sat
Oct 22, 9AM-5PM at the nursery on 50 E
Blacklidge. (Blacklidge & Stone)

Planting Instructions will also be given with
the trees. Call Jane at 628-8773 for info.

Why plant a tree? If planted on the West, East or
South side of the home they will help reduce
summer temperatures. They provide shade for
pedestrians, school children and bicyclists when
planted next to the road. They help support desert
birds and wildlife, help clean the air, may raise
property values, and are just beautiful. Imagine if
all of Keeling's streets were lined with green trees!

Native Seed Search Garden Tour Sunday, September 25, 8 am to 12 noon

(Many gardens are in our neighborhood!)
Tour seven home gardens planted with seeds from
the non-profit Native Seeds/SEARCH. Each garden
promises to be unique and all will offer ideas for the
desert gardener. You will see raised beds with
overhead spray watering, border beds using flood
irrigation, flat beds with drip irrigation and
combinations of all. Learn what worked well and
what didn't. A community garden is included in the
tour. Come share in the gardening successes and fun!

Where: Central Tucson (a map is included with your
ticket purchase)

Tickets Cost: \$6.00 for Native Seeds/SEARCH
members / \$8.00 for non-members

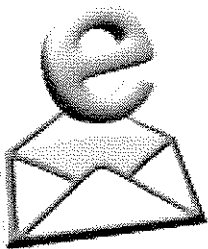
Tickets can be purchased at the Native
Seeds/SEARCH gift shop 526 N.

4th Avenue Or at the Plants for the Southwest
Nursery 50 E. Blacklidge (Blacklidge /Stone)

For more information: Call Sandy Paris at
520-622-5561 or Jane Evans at 520-628-8773



Stay connected - Join the e-mail Group



Join our e-mail list.
Almost 40 neighbors already
have!

Want email reminders for
the meetings, events and
crime alerts? Many timely
events and alerts do not make
the newsletter, but are sent to

the email group. Stay in touch - even if you cannot
attend meetings.

Just send a message to
KeelingNeighbors-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

You will get an automatic response that will help
you to sign up.

@ EMAIL TIPS:

How to use the email group:

- Once you have signed up with Yahoo and joined the group, you will automatically get any emails sent to the group.
- Any neighbor can send messages to the group about community issues. Just "reply" to any keeling email or write to KeelingNetighbors@yahoogroups.com.
- Please address messages to everyone as : "Dear Neighbors," or the like.
- If you want to respond to a particular individual, PLEASE make sure you TYPE in that persons email address. Even though an individual can mail the group, replying to the email replies to the whole group.
- All messages are moderated, so if you accidentally send a message to the wrong place, the message will be forwarded without going to everyone☺

What is ACORN? Are they the Neighborhood Association?



There have been some recent phone calls to the Keeling Neighborhood Association about a group called ACORN that is knocking on Keeling doors. Here are a few of the Questions and their Answers:

What is ACORN? Is it the same as the Keeling Neighborhood Association (KNA)? Is it a City Organization?

- ACORN stands for Association for Community Organizations for Reform Now.
- It is not the same as the Keeling Neighborhood Association. The Keeling NA is an official City recognized neighborhood group and receives help from the Department of Neighborhood Resources (they print and send our newsletter for example), and other city sectors.
- ACORN is not a city recognized group. It is a nationally-spread private group with both non-profit and for profit aspects.

Why are they knocking on my door and then asking for my checking account number?

- ACORN members pay monthly dues to help support the organization. ACORN is a "grassroots" org and recruits members by going door-to-door and encouraging members to bring in more members. Usually there is a paid staff member, or "organizer", who is helps members in a geographic area to organize and identify concerns and solutions.
- The Keeling NA does not require any dues. All officers of the KNA are unpaid volunteers who are also residents of Keeling. The KNA does not usually go door-to-door, but still encourages any residents to come to meetings and events.

So are they a legitimate org? How can they help me?

- ACORN is a legitimate group that has been trying to start a Tucson office for about 2.5 years.
- ACORN focuses on both local concerns of neighbors, but also likes members to participate with state and national campaigns on issues like the minimum wage, predatory lending and tax preparation schemes. They do not break-up areas into the same boundaries as the city. Members for our area may be from other neighborhoods as well.
- ACORN leans toward more radical solutions to problems.
- There is currently not a dedicated organizer for our area, although they are stating to recruit members. For local concerns now, ACORN may not be as familiar with some resources or the history of current projects as The Keeling neighborhood Association.
- The KNA neither endorses nor discourages resident to be a part of ACORN. Residents can easily be a part of both groups.

The KNA hopes that if ACORN becomes a unified group in our area of the city, that the two groups can work together to address neighborhood issues.



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2005 Officers:

Co-Chairs

Bevin Dunn, 270-3925 mimosadunn@hotmail.com

Leslie Carlson, 792-1596

"Gofer": Richard Sense

Treasurer: Jane Evans, 628-8773

Important DATES:

Sept 28th, 6:30pm Next Meeting

Sept 17th -7:30pm / Oct 15, 7pm Keeling Night Walks

Sept 25, 8-12 NSS Garden Tour

Oct 31st - Halloween Spooky Park for Kids (on Glenn)

Keeling Neighborhood Email List (to join)

KeelingNeighbors-subscribe@yahooogroups.com

Emergency

911

Non-emergency police calls - Prince Sub-station:

791-4467

Graffiti Abatement HOTLINE (to report Graffiti):

624-7833

Ward III Office:

791-4711

Junk Motor Vehicles:

791-4253

SABER Program

(Slum Abatement Blight Enforcement and Response):

791-5843

TPD Gang Unit

791-4770

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